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WOLVERINE ..... pg. 1

BLOOD HUNGRY
Part 8 of 8
"EIGHT SCENTS WORTH"

Last seen careening off the side of a mountain, Wolverine now faces his final, apocalyptic battle against Cyber!

Writer — PETER DAVID
Artist — SAM KIETH
Letterer — STEVE DUTRO
Colorist —GLYNIS OLIVER

BEAST ..... pg. 9

JUST FRIENDS
Part 8 of 8
"CLOSURE"

The Beast has rescued his childhood sweetheart! The Constrictor has rescued the Red Ghost! Now, can they all escape the Belgian Ministry of Defense alive?

Writer — SCOTT LOBDELL
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MARVEL READERS PRESENT

Dear Terry,

Re: MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #86

Wolverine: Wow! Two good Wolvie stories in a row. Although the end of the "Weapon-X" serial was confusing and not informative enough, I did enjoy it nonetheless. "Blood Hungry" looks to be excellent also. Peter David writes a good tale. It is not a Logan-kills-82-people-in-eight pages (guest starring Ghost Rider) story—I hate those—but it is a fun, entertaining story (so far). The lettering is erratic, but the art is very good. Sam Kieth's male figures are either vastly powerful and imposing, or ridiculous and cartoonish. He needs to rein in the funny looks and his ladies are... hard to see. This series looks extremely promising.

Firestar: Ack! Groan! Puke! And this is only chapter five! I really can't stand this serial. The storyline is confusing and the art is distorted. About once a chapter I see a glimmer of hope for this story, but so far it has not turned out well. Eight chapters. Arrgh!

Beast: This is more like it. As always, Scott Lobdell writes a good story and Rob Liefeld draws a fabulous story. Tim Dzon is also one of my favorite inkers. I want to know, though, why does the art change in the middle of the story? Jae Lee seems like an okay penciler, but it looks to me like Rob dropped ketchup on random art pages and Jae filled in. Oh well, this serial is looking great anyway.

Paladin: What can I say? It's another Paladin story. This one was par for the course. Not good, not bad. The story was simple and the art was only average, but I have seen worse one-parters. Let's have some improvement next time, folks.

Overall, a good issue. Wolverine and Beast pulled up the other two. I'm looking forward to next time. Thanks...

Derek Bruff
111 Lake Harbor Drive
Lexington, SC 29072

And we're looking forward to your next letter, Derek. Thanks for writing. Maybe next time you'll like all four of the stories! As you know by now, the super-talented Jae Lee illustrated the remaining six chapters of our Beast serial. We think Jae will be around for a long time to come.

Dear Sirs,

Yesterday, by accident, I picked up what I thought was the newest WOLVERINE. Instead, I had grabbed MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #86. Boy am I glad I did! Sam Kieth's artwork is phenomenal! I can honestly say his rendition of Wolverine is the best I've seen yet.

Does Marvel have a monopoly on the greatest talents in the industry? People like Stan Lee, John Byrne, Todd McFarlane, Rob Liefeld, and now Sam Kieth all reside here at Marvel.

Needless to say, Mr. Kieth has a new fan, and I suspect he'll have thousands very shortly. Thanks for the surprise and keep Sam's artwork coming. It's terrific.

Jeffrey Hunt
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Eliot, ME 03903

Glad to have you aboard, Jeffrey. We hope to hear from you again real soon. And thanks for your extremely kind words on Sam Kieth. And we're sure it must be just an oversight that you left a certain writer's name off your list of greats. Yeah, that must be it. Being a new reader and all, there would be no way for you to know about our own Scott Lobdell—a man who has singlehandedly changed the face of comics with his uncanny wit and his incredible gift for super hero scribing. But, now that we have you, there'll be no way to avoid the talent of Scott. Oh, let's just stop this already and get to the next letter...

TOK
IT WAS CYBER WHO KILLED MY MEN.
IT WAS CYBER WHO KILLED MY MEN.
TOK
THEREFORE WE ARE BOTH VICTIMS.
THEREFORE WE HAVE NO REASON TO FIGHT EACH OTHER.
BUT IF WORD GETS OUT AROUND MADRIPOOR THAT WE ARE BOTH CAPABLE OF BEING VICTIMIZED...
...THEN OTHERS WILL FEEL WE ARE RIPE FOR ATTACK AND TAKE THEIR OWN SHOTS.
TOK
YOU SEE THE PROBLEM.
HOW DO YOU SUGGEST WE SOLVE IT?
TOK
TOK
WE COULD KILL EACH OTHER SO NO ONE WOULD FIND OUT.
OR WE COULD KILL EVERYONE IN MADRIPOOR SO NO ONE WOULD FIND OUT.
TOK TOK
TOK TOK
BOTH ARE EXTREME MEASURES. I COULD PROMISE NOT TO TELL ANYONE WE WERE BOTH VICTIMIZED.
AS COULD I -- HOWEVER... I DON'T TRUST YOU.
I DON'T TRUST YOU.
TOK
TOK
IN OUR MUTUAL DISTRUST, THERE IS ...SECURITY.
TRUE. SO TRUE.
TOK
TOK

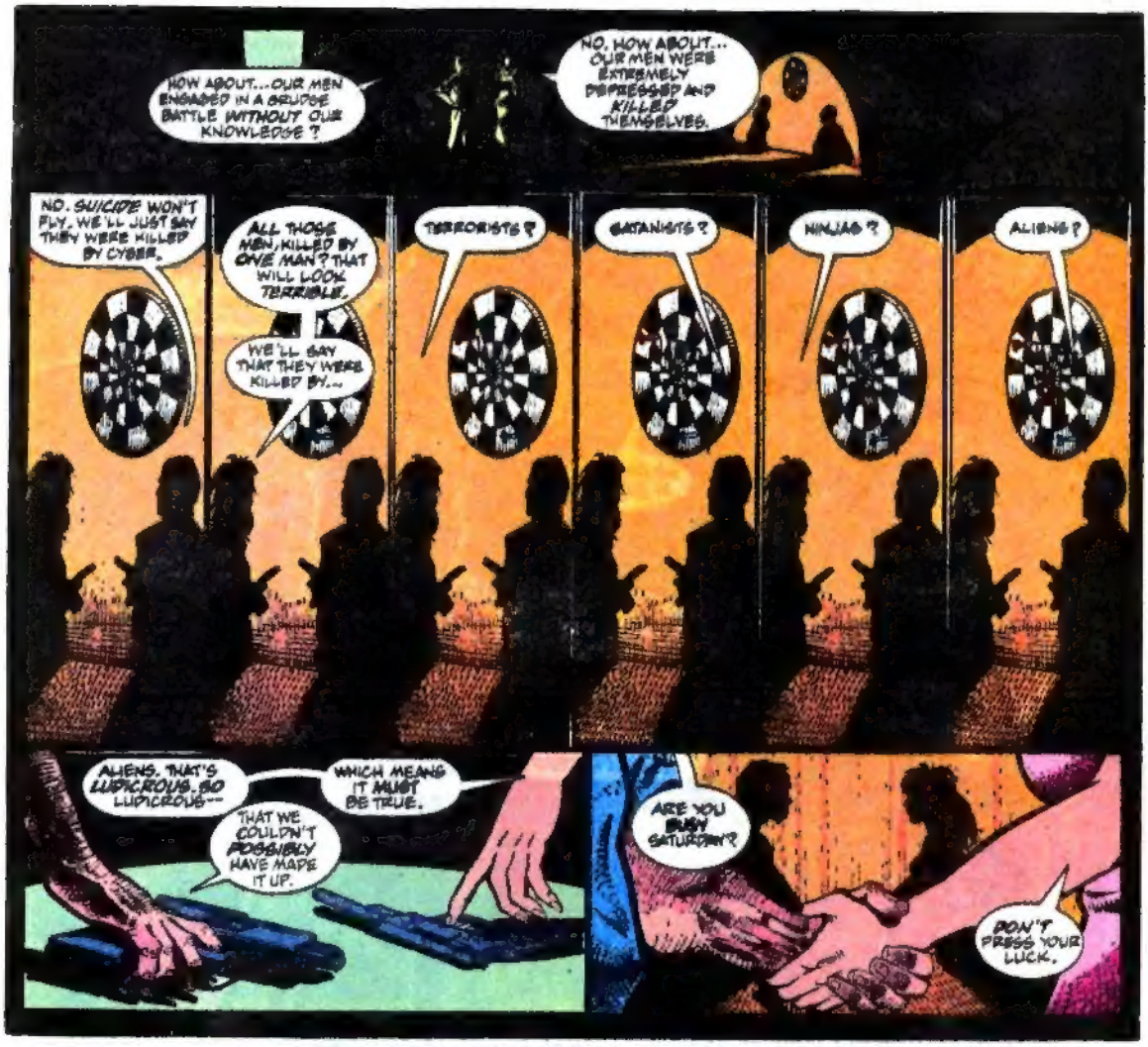
WOLVERINE
BLOOD HUNGRY
PART EIGHT
EIGHT SCENTS OUT
GOOD LEAP TO SAFETY LOGAN. BUT IT'S NO SURPRISE.
MEN SUCH AS WE ARE NOT DESTINED TO DIE IN TRUCK CRASHES.
COME ON, LOGAN, COME ON, X-MAN. I'M WAITING FOR YOU.
NOT COMING? THEN I'LL COME TO YOU.
WHUMP!
WE JUMP FROM ONE BRANCH TO THE NEXT, AND THEN THE NEXT...
PURE DEFENSE. I SHOULD BE ATTACKING.
SNAP!
COME ON, LOGAN. GET PAST WHAT HE DID TO YOU.
TURN THE PAGE.
DEAL WITH THE HERE AND NOW.
BUT I CAN'T.
OKAY. WAIT UNTIL HE'S CLOSE AND...

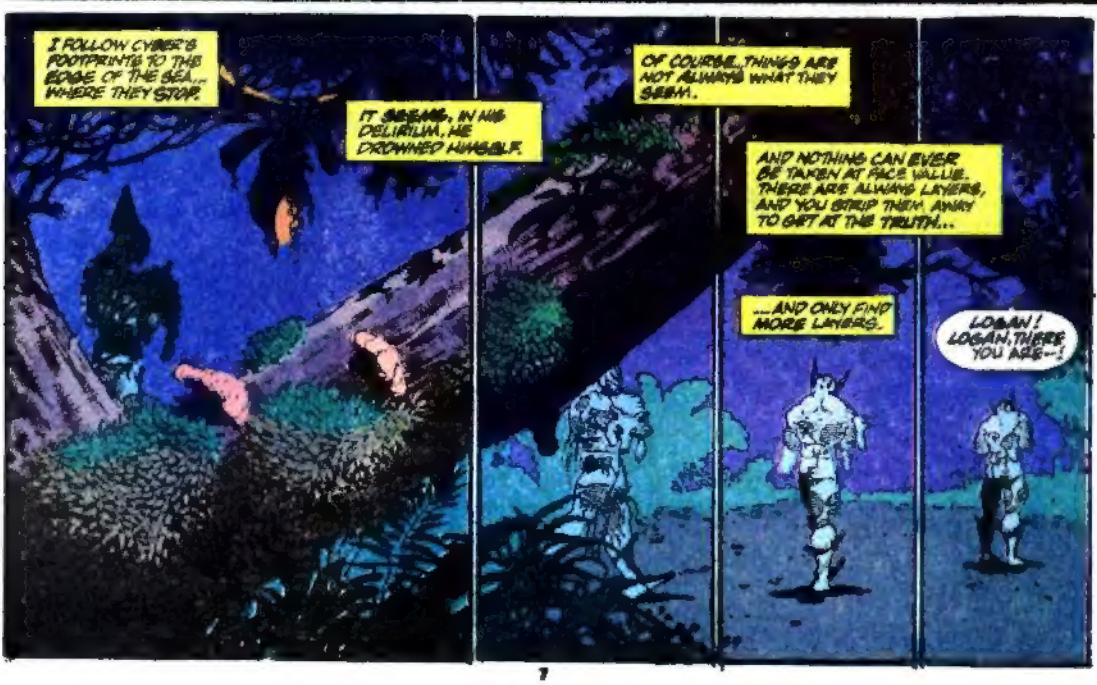
NICE TRY.
THE MAN WITH THE ADAMANTIUM-LACED BONES...
...AGAINST THE MAN WITH THE ADAMANTIUM-LACED EPIDERMIS.
WHICH IS WHY YOU CAN'T GET UNDER MY SKIN...
...AND I CAN GET UNDER YOURS. ANY TIME.
REMEMBER THE OLD DAYS?
REMEMBER WHAT I DID TO YOU, LOGAN?
YOU SHOULD'VE LEARNED FROM THAT.
YOU KNOW--
SPAT!
--I THINK YOU'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO A... REFRESHER. I REALLY DO.

CHOMMP
AAAUUGGH
PTUI
AN EYE FOR AN EYE, A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH, CYBER.
IT'S MORE THAN A METAPHOR.
IT'S THE WAY I LIVE MY LIFE.
YOU TOOK SOMETHING FROM ME, AND FINALLY--
--FINALLY--
--WE'RE EVEN.

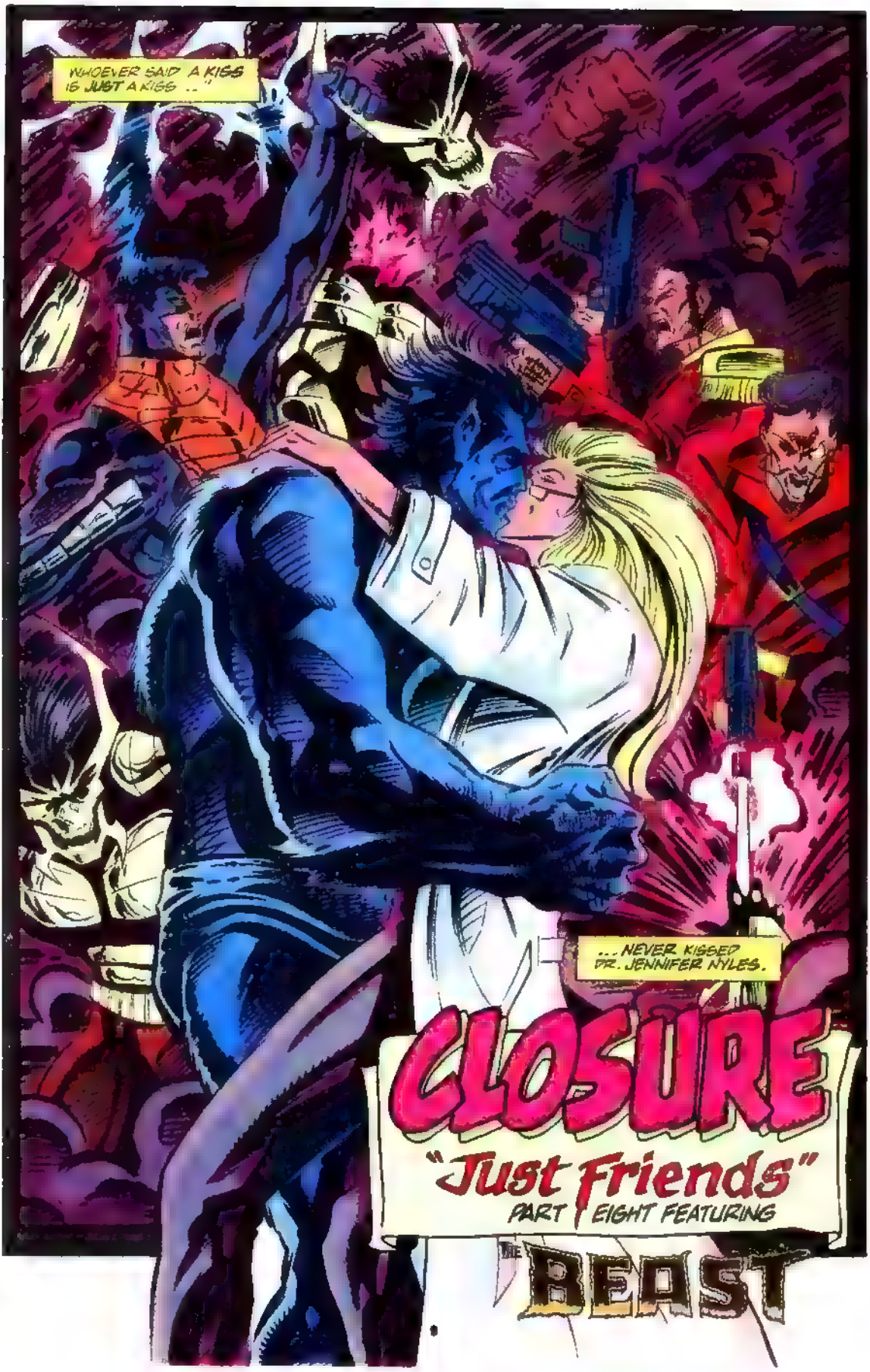
NOW I CAN FINALLY FINISH YOU.
BIG WORDS, LOGAN.
LITTLE MAN.
BUT BIG WORDS.
MAYBE I CAN BARELY SEE YOU, BUT MAYBE I DON'T HAVE TO.
CRUNCH
HAH! A GOOD, KILLING THRUST, AIMED AT MY FACE. TOO BAD I CAUGHT IT.
TOO BAD I'M HOLDING YOUR CLAWS SO TIGHT THAT YOU CAN'T RETRACT THEM.
TOO BAD... THAT I'M GOING TO PULL YOUR SKELETON... RIGHT OUT THROUGH YOUR BODY.
TOO BAD ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS, LOGAN.
NO HARD FEELINGS, EH? I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW...
YOU COULDA BEEN A CONTENDA.
GGRRRRRAARRR
GONE. JUST LIKE THAT.
MY WOLF FRIEND SHOCKED HIM AND HE FELL TOWARDS THE CRASHED TRUCK ...INTO THE DRUGS.
THE HALLUCINOGEN THAT CYBER HAD ON THE TIPS OF HIS CLAWS...

...BUT SINCE IT WAS ON THE CLAW TIPS, IT DIDN'T AFFECT HIM.
NOW, THOUGH--HE'S GOT A NICE, BIG GAPING WOUND...
...COURTESY OF MY SENSE OF BALANCING THE SCALES.
AND WHEN THE DRUGS SEEP IN THROUGH THAT WOUND...AND HIT HIS SYSTEM--
--IT SHOULD PROVE... INTERESTING.
NO! KEEP IT AWAY! AWAY!
IT'S GOING TO GET ME!
AAAA


HOW ABOUT...OUR MEN ENGAGED IN A BRUTAL BATTLE WITHOUT OUR KNOWLEDGE ?
NO, HOW ABOUT... OUR MEN WERE EXTREMELY DEPRESSED AND KILLED THEMSELVES.
NO. SUICIDE WON'T FLY. WE'LL JUST SAY THEY WERE KILLED BY CYBER.
ALL THOSE MEN, KILLED BY ONE MAN? THAT WILL LOOK TERRIBLE.
WE'LL SAY THAT THEY WERE KILLED BY...
TERRORISTS ?
SATANISTS ?
NINJAS ?
ALIENS ?
ALIENS. THAT'S LUDICROUS. SO LUDICROUS--
THAT WE COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE MADE IT UP.
WHICH MEANS IT MUST BE TRUE.
ARE YOU BUSY SATURDAY?
DON'T PRESS YOUR LUCK.


I FOLLOW CYBER'S FOOTPRINTS TO THE EDGE OF THE SEA... WHERE THEY STOP.
IT SEEMS, IN HIS DELIRIUM, HE DROWNED HIMSELF.
OF COURSE, THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM.
AND NOTHING CAN EVER BE TAKEN AT FACE VALUE. THERE ARE ALWAYS LAYERS, AND YOU STRIP THEM AWAY TO GET AT THE TRUTH...
...AND ONLY FIND MORE LAYERS.
LOGAN! LOGAN, THERE YOU ARE--!

LOGAN? IS IT OVER?
AS OVER AS IT EVER IS.
CYBER'S GONE. GONE FROM HERE. GONE FROM ME.
AND IF HE COMES BACK...I'M READY.
LOGAN--I THOUGHT I SAW YOU HOLDING SOMETHING...
...WASN'T THERE A WOLF HERE?
THERE STILL IS, TIGER TYGER.
THERE STILL IS.
THE END.


WHOEVER SAID A KISS IS JUST A KISS ..."
... NEVER KISSED DR. JENNIFER NYLES.
CLOSURE
"Just Friends"
PART EIGHT FEATURING
THE BEAST

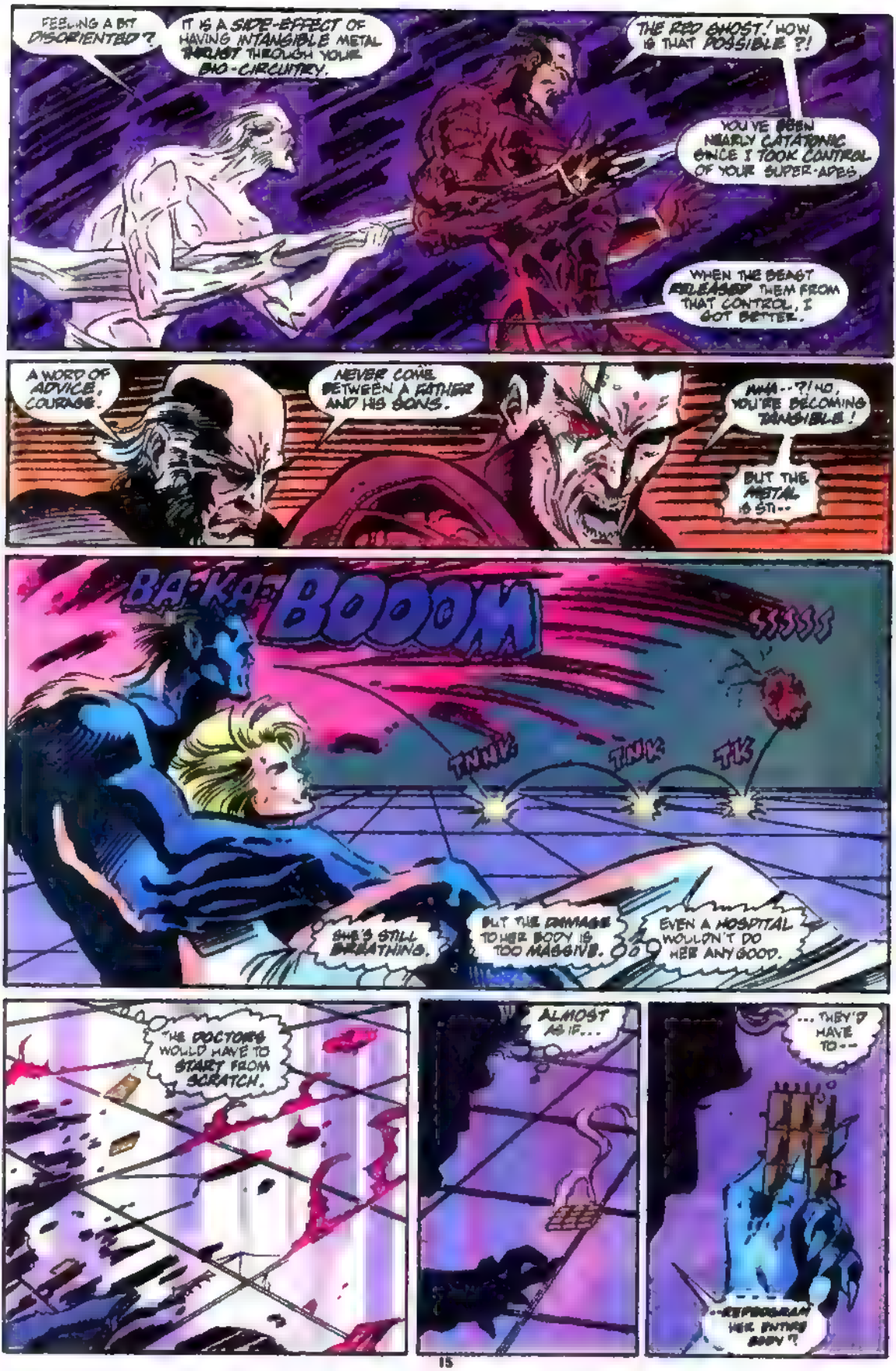
YEARS AGO, WHEN I FIRST JOINED THE X-MEN--
--IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT NO ONE KNOW HANK McCOY WAS ACTUALLY THE BEAST.
SO YOU SOMEHOW ERASED MY MEMORIES. BUT YOU WERE MY BEST FRIEND, HANK.
IT WAS AS IF ONE DAY I WOKE TO DISCOVER A PIECE OF MY SOUL WAS MISSING --
--YET I HAD NO IDEA WHY.
BUT IT MADE YOU A BETTER SCIENTIST!
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA
YOU WERE OBSESSED BY THE SUBCONSCIOUS KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR MIND HAD BEEN REPROGRAMMED, DR. NYLES!
WHEN I CAME TO YOU WITH THE LATE WERNER HERZOG'S NOTES ON TECHNO-ORGANICS --
YOU WERE ONLY TOO EAGER TO HELP ME UNLOCK THE MYSTERIES OF THE WEIRE-BORG IMPLANTS!
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF AN EMOTIONALLY DISTRESSED WOMAN, COMMANDER COURAGE?
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
HARDLY THE BEST RECOMMENDATION FOR AN ENTRY IN THE "GUINNESS WORLD BOOK OF SUPER-VILLAINS!"

WHA--?
Y-YOU BROKE THE CODE ON MY WERE-BORG SOLDIERS!
YOU REPROGRAMMED THEM... TO DANCE?!
I'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU, BIG BLUE! FIRST YOU OVERRIDE THE SUPER-APES' IMPLANTS AND PROGRAM THEM TO HELP US--
WERE-BORG IMPLANTS: DIRECTIVE: DANCE
--AND NOW YOU TURN HIS PRIVATE ARMY INTO PRIMA BALLERINAS!
I'M CURIOUS, COLORADE. IF YOU DIDN'T WANT ME IN BELGIUM AT THE WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON MUTANT RESEARCH--
WHY INVITE ME IN THE FIRST PLACE?
HE DIDN'T.
-I DID.
AGAIN, IT WAS HER SUBCONSCIOUS AT WORK.
SHE WANTED TO BE STOPPED--
--BY THE MAN WHO STARTED IT ALL.
I HIRED THE CONSTRICTOR, FRAMING KRAGOFF IN THE PROCESS. I BELIEVED THE RED GHOST'S ARREST WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO LEAVE.
I DIDN'T NEED AN AVENGER ON HAND...
CL-CLK

...ANY MORE THAN I NEEDED A TRAITOR!
BUDDA BUDDA
BUDDA BUDDA
NGHN
JENNIFER!
JERK.
BLAM BLAM
BLAM BLAM
TRZZT

HANK ?
I AM HERE, JENNIFER.
RIGHT BESIDE YOU-- WHERE I SHOULD HAVE BEEN ALL ALONG.
N-NO. YOU LIVED THE LIFE YOU SHOULD HAVE.
DID WHAT YOU HAD TO.
NO REGRETS
IDIOTS!
AROO?
<WHA--?.>
SO, YOU'RE A WERE-BORG...?
I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED.
BUT YOU DIDN'T, CONSTRICTOR!
AND BY THE TIME THE BEAST FINDS MY ISOLATED PROGRAM--
--YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS WILL BE DISTANT MEMORIES... SPEED BUMPS ON MY ROAD TO RULING THE WORLD!

"SPEED BUMPS ON MY ROAD TO RULING THE WORLD!"
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU JUST SAID THAT.
I'VE BEEN A SUPER VILLAIN FOR A FEW YEARS NOW. COURAGE.
I'VE PROBABLY SAID SOME STUPID THINGS IN THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT.
BUT "SPEED BUMPS"?
JEN, I'M SOR...
GAHHH.
I LOST A BEST FRIEND...
...BUT THE WORLD GAINED A SUPER HERO.
THAT'S MORE THAN A FAIR TRADE.
JUST GLAD WE FOUND EACH OTHER AGAIN...
SO I COULD TELL YOU -
...I LOVE YOU.
AND I LOVE YOU.
YOU HAVE
NO IDEA
WHAT YOU'RE
DEALING WITH!
I AM YOUR SUPERIOR!
I AM UNDEFEATABLE!
I AM...
I...
...?


FEELING A BIT DISORIENTED?
IT IS A SIDE-EFFECT OF HAVING INTANGIBLE METAL THRUST THROUGH YOUR BIO-CIRCUITRY.
THE RED GHOST! HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?!
YOU'VE BEEN NEARLY CATATONIC SINCE I TOOK CONTROL OF YOUR SUPER-APES.
WHEN THE BEAST RELEASED THEM FROM THAT CONTROL, I GOT BETTER.
A WORD OF ADVICE, COURAGE.
NEVER COME BETWEEN A FATHER AND HIS SONS.
HMM--?! NO, YOU'RE BECOMING TANGIBLE!
BUT THE METAL IS STI--
BA-KA-BOOOM
SSSSS
TNNK
TNK
TK
SHE'S STILL BREATHING.
BUT THE DAMAGE TO HER BODY IS TOO MASSIVE.
EVEN A HOSPITAL WOULDN'T DO HER ANY GOOD.
THE DOCTORS WOULD HAVE TO START FROM SCRATCH.
ALMOST AS IF...
... THEY'D HAVE TO--
--REPROGRAM HER ENTIRE BODY?!

ONE WEEK LATER...
THE DOCTORS SAY YOU'LL BE RELEASED DAY AFTER NEXT.
THEN YOU'LL BE ABLE TO THANK THE GENTLEMAN WHO SENT YOU THOSE LOVELY FLOWERS
WOULD THAT BE YOUR BOY FRIEND, DR. NYLES ?
HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN, YEARS AGO...
...BUT LIFE GOT IN THE WAY.
THANKFULLY, WE'RE STILL FRIENDS.
JUST FRIENDS.
--EVEN IF IT MEANS HAVING TO LET GO OF ANOTHER.
PROFESSOR XAVIER TAUGHT ME A LOT IN THOSE FIRST FEW DAYS AS AN X-MAN.
LIKE HOW TO HOLD ONTO A DREAM--
THE BASEMENT OF AVENGERS MANSION...
SUBJECT:
DR JENNIFER NYLES
DIRECTIVE:
...LIVE
End.

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Dear Terry,

I'm sure the majority of mail you receive comments on the Wolverine lead feature. Try as I might to avoid it, I have to add myself to the legion. It is simply the best feature of the book and it is currently featuring one of Marvel's best stories and creative teams.

The Sam Kieth artwork is astonishing in its richness and density. Sam must use a larger-than-normal page, as it is the detail and inking which makes his work so striking. Similarly, Peter David has mastered the eight-page format, providing us with action, romance, mystery, and a guaranteed good pun or two each episode. Individually, each of these creators would brew a superior story; together, they aim to craft magic! Nuff said!

Surprisingly, I'm finding the Beast story quite a fun read. This is new territory for the character, and I find his college romance charming. It doesn't hurt to have Rob Liefeld and Jae Lee on pencils. I hope readers won't overlook this tale, as it's probably the best Beast spotlight we've seen.

I've always wondered why no writer ever thought of placing an intrigue story in a baseball stadium. Wonder no more! The Paladin tale delivered just this. Yet I wish it had been longer. It was a little weak in only eight pages.

Firestar is almost over. While I applaud MC² for giving this character a spotlight, this story just isn't doing it for me. But, you can't win 'em all.

And one other thing: Just how much is Charles Novinskie paying you to print his letters regularly?

Mark Lucas
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Los Angeles, CA 90049

Not as much as Len Biehl. Speaking of which...

Dear Terry,

Status Report #86:

Wolverine: Incredible! Cyber made me wet my pants. Actually, I just dumped over my Pepsi can. Hah! You guys didn't really think I'd let a comic story scare me that much, did you?

Cyber will go down in history. He's one of the best villains created over the last few years. I can't wait for him to menace others in the Marvel Universe. How does Wolverine keep from wetting his own pants? Oh, he must like Coke over Pepsi. Can't wait to see who Cyber works for. Sam Kieth's gettin' better. 4 Cyber Claws!

Firestar: This installment was a big improvement over last issue. Keep it up. 2 1/2 Claws.

Beast: Incredible #2! This is a threat! If you don't give Beast his own series, I'll gather an army of Marvel maniacs to storm Marvel and hold you captive until you've produced 200 issues of our favorite blue-furred bludgeoner. Do it! Do it now! Whoa! Sorry about that. You guys just bring out the "Beast" in me.

I take it Jae Lee is doing only the flashback sequences. Liefeld's Beast is too easy to distinguish—no one draws a better Beast. Not even Jim Lee. Constrictor? Lobdell? Too cool! 3 Claws!

Paladin: First Base—Paladin is a favorite of mine, so you've got a great earned run average.

Second Base—Pretty fair story, although predictable as all get out. Low inside pitch!

Third Base—Since vigilantes and violent characters seem to be Marvel's forte—next to mutants, of course—give Paladin a limited series. Look how much mystery surrounds Paladin—we don't really know who this guy is. Lord, if you can publish SLEEPWALKER monthly, you can do worse than give our own Purple Ment a mini. Do it! Do it, now! Oops, sorry! 2 1/2 Claws.

Rantoul, IL

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GHOST RIDER/CABLE. 1
SERVANTS OF THE DEAD
Part 3 of 8
"IN THE CATHEDRAL OF THE DEAD"

Last issue, Ghost Rider and Cable teamed up–but were unable to save an innocent young girl! Now, can they survive a descent to the center of the Earth?

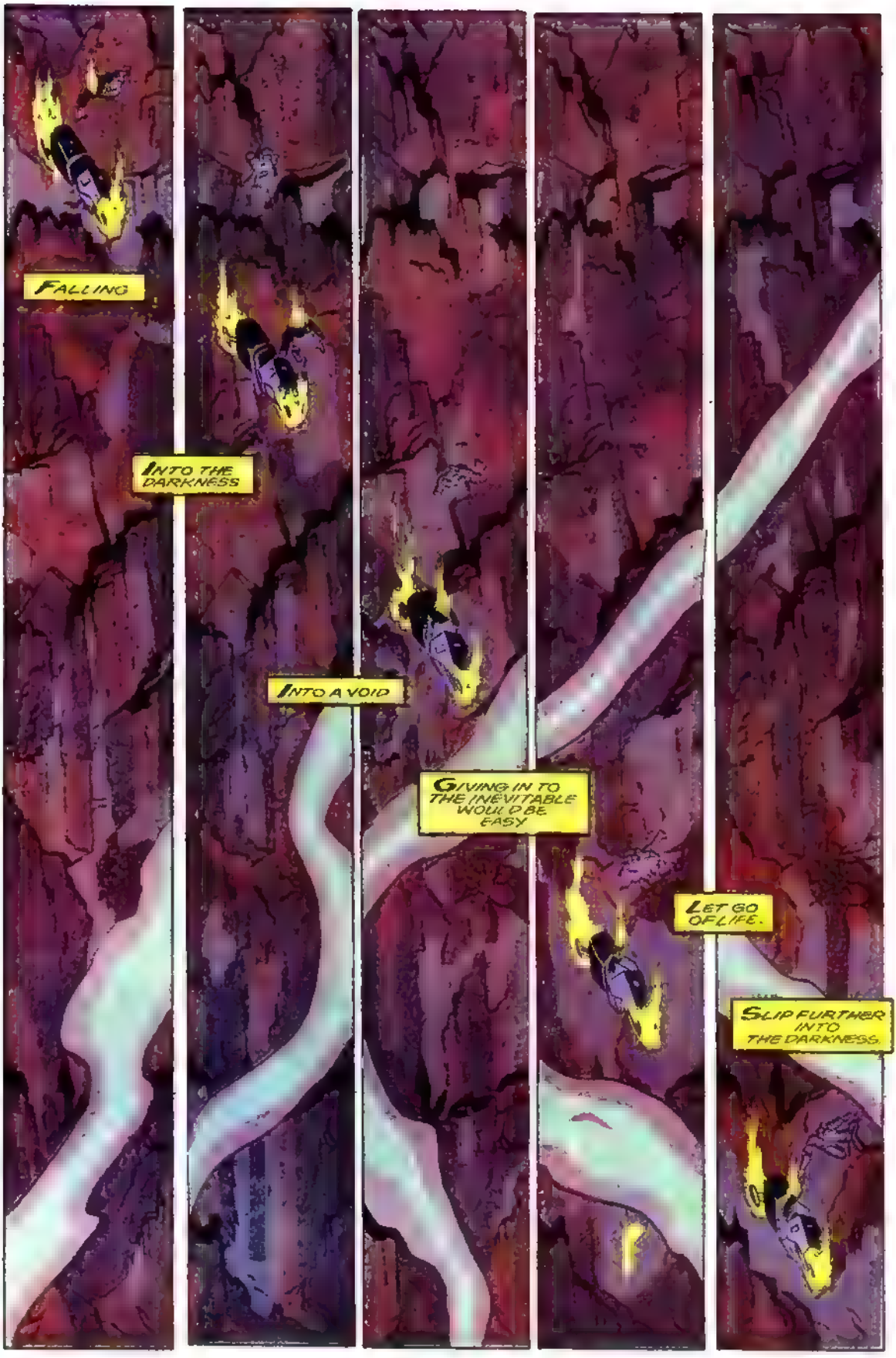
Writer — HOWARD MACKIE
Penciler — GUANG YAP
Inker — BUD LAROSA
Letterer —JANICE CHIANG
Colorist — FREDDY MENDEZ

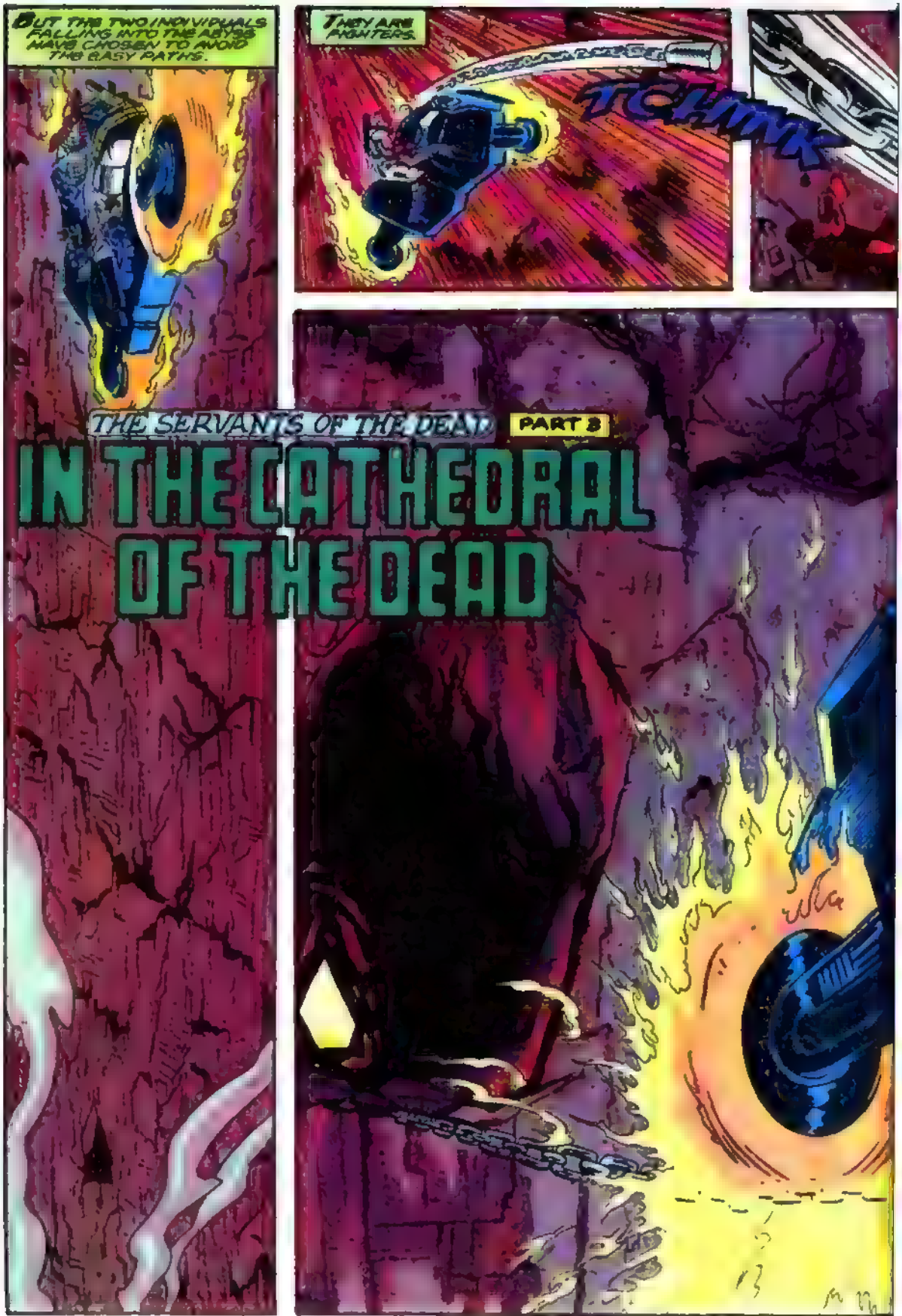
pg.
NORTHSTAR..... 9
"SEPARATE ALLIES"

Mutant son of Asgardian Elves, gifted with supersonic speed, he's Alpha Flight's most brash personality–Northstar!

Writers—KARL BOLLERS/ANTONIO MATIAS
Penciler — JOE MADUREIRA
Inker — DANNY BULANADI
Letterer — DAVE SHARPE
Colorist — FREDDY MENDEZ

NEXT ISSUE: BE HERE FOR THE FIRST CHAPTER OF TIM TRUMAN'S SIX-PART WOLVERINE SERIAL — "WILD FRONTIER." ALSO, BEGINNING A FOUR PART NOVA STORY, AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE GHOST RIDER/CABLE TEAM-UP. . .NOT TO MENTION A BRAND NEW DAREDEVIL TALE!

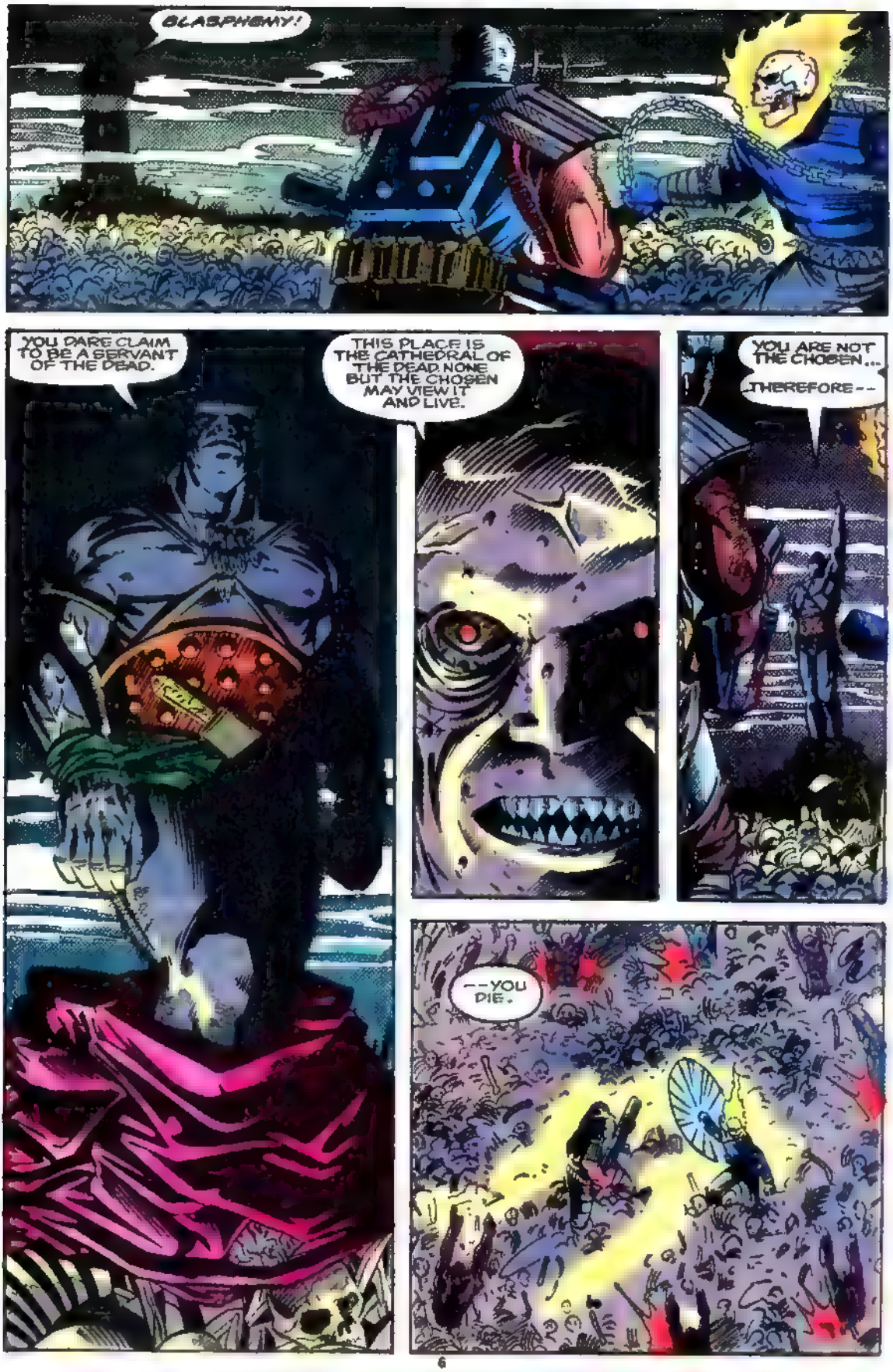

FALLING
INTO THE DARKNESS
INTO A VOID
GIVING IN TO THE INEVITABLE WOULD BE EASY
LET GO OF LIFE.
SLIP FURTHER INTO THE DARKNESS.


BUT THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS FALLING INTO THE ABYSS HAVE CHOSEN TO AVOID THE EASY PATHS.
THEY ARE FIGHTERS.
TCHINK
THE SERVANTS OF THE DEAD
PART 3
IN THE CATHEDRAL OF THE DEAD

HOLDING ON TO THEIR OWN LIVES--
--SO THAT OTHERS CAN BE SAVED.
THEY ARE--
GHOST RIDER AND
PITY THOSE WHO HAVE ATTEMPTED TO KILL THEM AND HAVE FAILED.

WORDS ARE NOT EXCHANGED
CABLE KNOWS THAT, IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE, GHOST RIDER IS IN CHARGE
HE'S COME TO APPRECIATE THAT WHICH THE SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE AND MYSTICAL MOTORCYCLE CAN ACCOMPLISH
CABLE IS WILLING TO HANG ON AND GO FOR THE RIDE.
WHEREVER IT MIGHT LEAD.
NICE LANDING.
THESE GUYS FRIENDS OF YOURS?

WE LIVED THROUGH THE FALL
THE GUYS CALLING THEMSELVES THE GRATEFUL UNDEAD WILL COME AFTER US.
I HAVE A FEELING THIS IS ANOTHER PLACE THEY DON'T WANT US TO SEE.
YES.
TCHINK
I SENSE--
--WE ARE NOT ALONE.
YEAH. I FEEL IT, TOO.
AND IT DOESN'T FEEL TOO GOOD
THERE
AND HERE
PTOOM
PTOOM
IT'S ALL AROUND US. WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S SPOOKING ME.
NOT BECAUSE OF THE SKULLS AND BONES, BUT BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE IT REPRESENTS.
IF I DON'T DO MY JOB RIGHT, THE KIDS WORKING WITH ME COULD WIND UP HERE AMONGST YORICK AND FAMILY.
HOW ABOUT YOU? I HEAR THAT YOU CLAIM TO BE THE SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE. DOES THAT MEAN YOU SERVE THE DEAD? THEY'RE THE ONES THAT NEED THE MOST AVENGING.


BLASPHEMY!
YOU DARE CLAIM TO BE A SERVANT OF THE DEAD.
THIS PLACE IS THE CATHEDRAL OF THE DEAD. NONE BUT THE CHOSEN MAY VIEW IT AND LIVE.
YOU ARE NOT THE CHOSEN...
THEREFORE--
--YOU DIE.

ONCE AGAIN THE TWO HEROES ARE ENGAGED IN BATTLE.
BOTH ARE VETERANS OF MANY.
AND HAVE LEARNED TO DEAL WITH THEIR OPPONENTS--
--QUICKLY--
--AND EFFECTIVELY.
THE BATTLE IS BRIEF.

ENOUGH
ONCE AGAIN I WAS MERCIFUL WHEN I SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN.
DEATH AT THE HANDS OF MY ACOLYTES WOULD HAVE BEEN SWIFT.
THE OPTION IS NOW LOST.
PHREEEEEEE
ALL THE BONES ARE MOVING.
CAN'T GET A FIX ON THE DIRECTION OF THE ATTACK
NOW YOU ARE FOOD FOR THE GOD
TO BE CONTINUED...

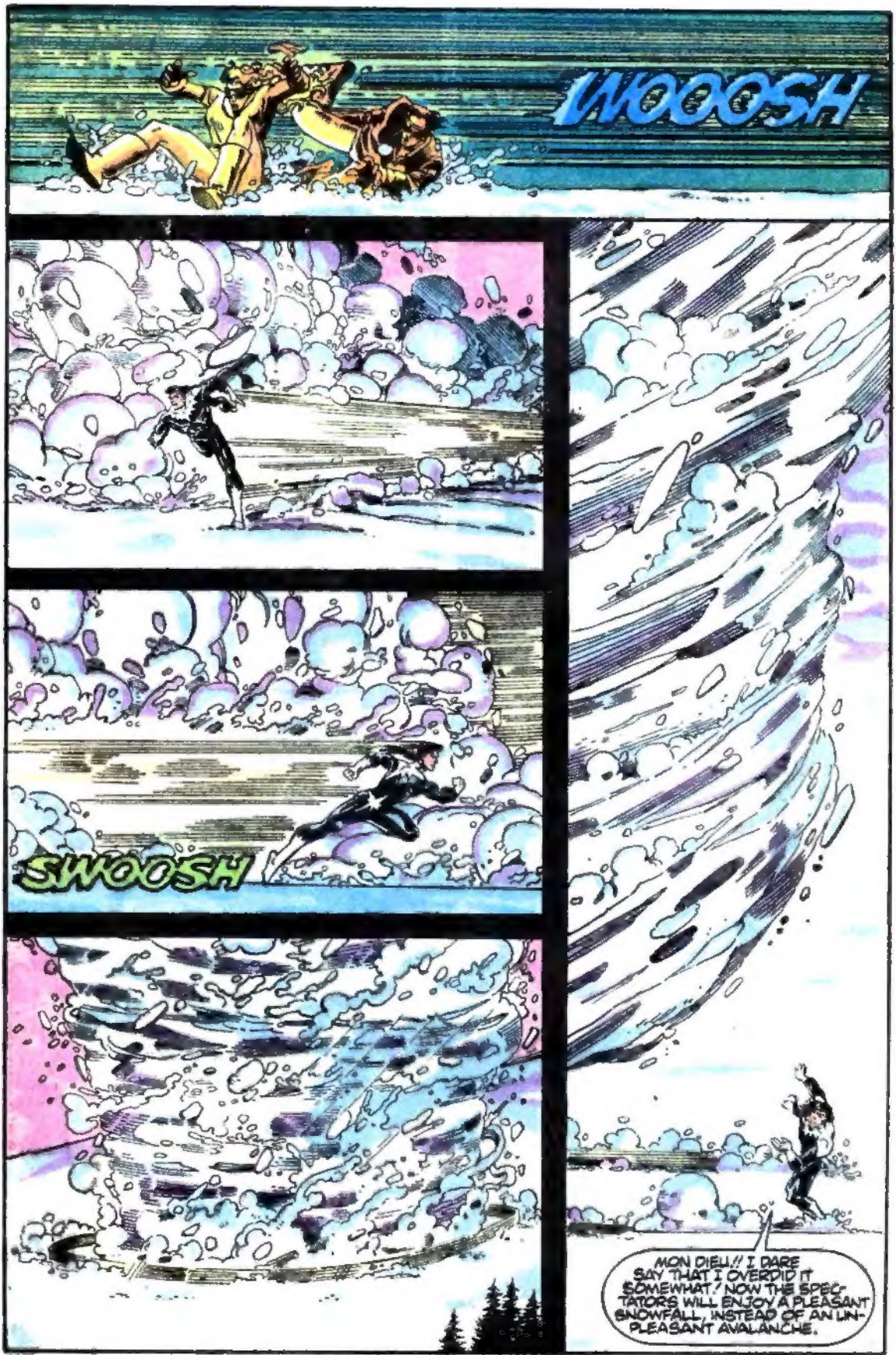
IT IS OFTEN SAID THAT YOUTH IS TEMPESTUOUS, A STORMY MONTH IN THE SEASON OF LIFE
ITS ACTIONS CAN BE OFTEN FOOLHARDY AND ITS NOTIONS SET... SOMETIMES BOTH.
JEAN-PAUL BEAUBIER'S YOUTH WAS ALL THIS AND MORE.
NORTHSTAR
SEPARATE ALLIES

YOU HAVE TO LEARN TO REVEL IN THE DESTRUCTION A BIT MORE, JEAN-PAUL... IT'S ANOTHER BLOW FOR OUR CAUSE..
YOU NEEDN'T TELL ME OF THAT, GLISSANT! NO ONE WANTS QUEBEC'S INDEPENDENCE MORE THAN I.
BUT DON'T ASK ME TO BASK IN THE GLOW OF YOUR EXPLOSIVES.
YOU THERE! HALT!
LES GENDARMES!
THEY'VE SPLIT UP! MEMBERS OF THE SEPARATISTS!
AFTER THEM! DON'T LET THEM DISAPPEAR!
PHEW. WE HAD IT ON OUR SIDE THAT NIGHT, EH, JEAN-PAUL?
ESCAPED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY! LUCK-- YOURS NEVER WENT AWAY
MR. BEAUBIER, MANY ARE QUITE SHOCKED BY YOUR PRESENCE AT TODAY'S SKI BENEFIT...
"NEVER NEVER NEVER EVER
DESERTED US, YOU FREAK! MUTANT? NO...
LUCK
COULD HAVE KILLED YOU BACK THEN. THE OTHERS TOLD ME "NO." NO!
INSULT TO INJURY.
NOW YOU USE YOUR POWER AS A PUPPET TO THE GOVERNMENT. SOLD US OUT! I SHOULD KILL YOU NOW!
BUT NO, BETTER TO DESTROY YOUR CHARACTER. IT IS THE ONE THING YOU'VE ALWAYS CHERISHED.
FAILURE? NEVER EVER.

YOU'VE ALREADY SOWN THE SEEDS TO YOUR OWN DESTRUCTION...
I GO WHERE I PLEASE MS. MONTGOMERY. IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY CANADA--...AS THE UNITED STATES--IS A FREE COUNTRY.
WELL, A LARGE NUMBER OF SKIERS ARE ATTENDING TODAY'S EVENT.
WEREN'T YOU FORCED TO RELINQUISH YOUR TITLE AS OLYMPIC CHAMPION ONCE IT WAS REVEALED THAT YOU WERE A MUTANT?
IF YOU ARE IMPLYING THAT I USED MY POWERS TO MAKE MYSELF A CHAMPION, THEN YOU ARE CORRECT. IT WAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE.
BUT ASK YOURSELF THIS, MR. MONTGOMERY...
IS AN ARTIST WRONG IN USING HIS TALENT?
I WOULDN'T CONSIDER MYSELF OLIVER NORTH... STAR.
SHOULDN'T YOU BE REPORTING SOMETHING NEWSWORTHY?
PTUI

HOW'S THAT?
HA HA HA
OVERLY DRAMATIC... MR. RICHELIEU, ISN'T IT?
EITHER YOU'RE TOO ARROGANT OR TOO STUPID TO KNOW WHEN YOU'RE NOT WELCOME, NITWIT! YOU ARE A LIAR, A CHEAT, AND A DISGRACE TO THIS SPORT!
MR BEAUBIER, CAN I CALL YOU NORTHSTAR?
NO.
DO YOU HAVE A RESPONSE TO MR. RICHELIEU'S PUBLIC DENOUNCEMENT?
PERHAPS HE SHOULD HAVE TAKEN UP SPITTING INSTEAD OF SKIING. HE'S FAR BETTER AT IT.
YEAH.
LAUGH IT OFF. SOON YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO DO EVEN THAT.
THEY HATE YOU AS IT IS, FREAK.
MY PLAN'S ALREADY IN MOTION.
YOU'LL NEVER RECOVER.
SUBARU
NEVER—
—NEVER—

BA-BOOM
--EVER.
OHMILORD!
AVALANCHE! WE'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!
NEVER MAKE IT.
YOU!?
NORTHSTAR!!
WHO ELSE?


WOOOSH
SWOOSH
MON DIEU!! I DARE SAY THAT I OVERDID IT SOMEWHAT! NOW THE SPECTATORS WILL ENJOY A PLEASANT SNOWFALL, INSTEAD OF AN UNPLEASANT AVALANCHE.

WHA--?
RICHELIEU!
FRAKT
AARGH!
HE'S BLEEDING!
HE-HE D-DIDN'T HAVE TO. DIDN'T HAVE TO!
AND HERE AT THE SCENE WE HAVE THE HERO AND THE VICTIM.
HOW ARE WE GUYS?
ENOUGH!
MEDIC...?
IT SEEMS YOUR GOOD FORTUNE BARS YOU FROM FAILURE.
GLISSANT?
NO!
BLAM
RICHELIEU, YOU FOOL! YOU CANNOT EVADE A BULLET AS EASILY AS I!

OH--
--REALLY!?
WAP
WAP
WAP
WAP
YES--
REALLY...
WITH THE CAPTURE OF WANTED TERRORIST EDOARD GLISSANT, WHO TRIED TO SABOTAGE TODAY'S BENEFIT...
IT SEEMS THAT NORTHSTAR HAS GAINED SOME FANS!
REGARDLESS OF HOW THE PUBLIC HAS PERCEIVED YOU IN THE PAST...
TODAY I SEE YOU IN ANOTHER LIGHT--I OWE YOU MY LIFE, BEAUBIER. THANK YOU.
SPARE ME YOUR ADULATIONS, RICHELIEU.
NORTHSTAR GIVES A HEARTY "YOU'RE WELCOME" ... I THINK.
WE'RE LIVE IN CALGARY! TERRY..?
THE END.